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TITLE: DOUBLE-SIDED LABELS AND METHODS OF MANUFACTURE
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted concurrently with the payment of the issue and publication fees based on a Notice of Allowance mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 19, 2006, for the above-identified patent application.

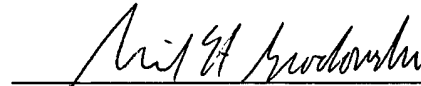
Applicants initially wish to thank Examiner Ahmad for the telephonic interview conducted on August 17, 2006. During the interview, the pending claims were discussed in view of the Schuller reference and an agreement was reached based on Examiner amendments that would place the application in condition for allowance.

In the Examiner's Amendment portion of the Notice of Allowability, the statement of reasons for allowance recites the steps of the methods that the prior art fails to teach or suggest. Applicants submit that as explicitly stated in paragraph [0022] of the originally filed patent application, "[i]t should be understood that the order of steps or order for performing certain actions are immaterial so long as the invention remains operable. Moreover, two or more steps or actions may be conducted simultaneously."

Further, Applicants submit that "perforations" (and methods of their formation) are known in the art and include any weakening of the substrate so as to permit detachment of the first portion from the second and third portions.

Finally, with respect to the prior art, the statement of reasons for allowance recites, “KORONDI (5702127) teaches a method making a label comprising first, second and third portions (figure-1) but fails to teach the step of applying ink to the first portion.” Applicants submit that as required by the claims, Korondi does not teach or suggest applying an ink to the deadened first portion, which is present on the back side of the substrate.

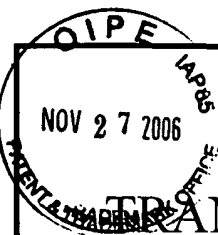
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